

Toc Dunlap Long Biography

Toc Dunlap co-founded Creating Hope International in 1982. She is an educator, teacher trainer, and expert in providing quality technical assistance to grassroots health and education efforts in developing countries, including those with refugees, helping them to develop into viable organizations that can attract national and international support.

Over the past three decades, Toc has worked in partnership with Afghan women to provide culturally sensitive education, healthcare and skills training in Afghanistan and to refugees in Pakistan. In 1967, Toc went to Afghanistan as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She worked in Herat and Charikar teaching English, training teachers, and developing curriculum. In 1988, she returned to Pakistan to help Afghan refugees. She worked as Coordinator of International Rescue Committee's Hangu Education Program and eventually advanced to Deputy Director of International Rescue Committee. During her 8 years with International Rescue Committee, she initiated six new educational programs. Through a consensus-based model of grassroots program development, Toc has helped to successfully introduce potentially controversial programs like schools for Afghan girls. She developed teacher training manuals in Farsi and Pushto, trained teachers, and trained teacher trainers.

Since 1996, Toc Dunlap has worked closely with the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), an Afghan women's non-governmental organization. Through CHI, she provides AIL with direct services and with training and assistance in administration, finance, program strategy, fundraising, budgeting and proposal writing. AIL is now one of the largest Afghan women-led NGOs, one of the largest employers of Afghan women, and the pre-eminent teacher training organization in Afghanistan. AIL is recognized internationally for its outstanding work and provides health and education services to 350,000 women and children annually.

In 2002, Toc initiated a new program for CHI, extending her technical support and training skills to help a group of Tibetan Bon refugees in India. Through CHI, Toc has helped this community develop a new essential oils program. The goal of this program is to produce essential oils the community clinic use and for sale. Toc also started a scholarship program that helps Bon students advance their education to the secondary and post-secondary levels. She helped the Bon community raise funds for important building projects, a new drinking water well, and a milk cow. She has also helped the Bon organize their administrative structure to more effectively oversee, manage, and fund-raise support for their various programs including their orphanage and medical clinic.

In her role as Executive Director of CHI, Toc visits CHI projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to train local staff, she is also a regular public speaker and makes presentations to large and small groups about Afghans, Tibetans, women's issues, diversity, and community development in developing nations. She has made presentations to schools, civic organizations, and a local nursing home. She was a delegate to the United Nations Millennium Forum for NGOs in New York City in 2000 and presented a paper at the Central Eurasian Studies Society annual conference at Harvard.

Toc has a California Secondary Teaching Credential and is a member of the State Bars in California and Michigan. She founded an alternative school in Jackson, California in 1973 and worked as an international lawyer with Ford Motor Company from 1979-1987. During her time at Ford Motor Company, she spent two years coordinating Ford's Inter-Corporate Relations in Mexico. She is also an experienced and innovative spiritual energy healer and has led labyrinth meditation and alternative healing workshops.